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FROM USDEL TOREMOLINOS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETEL, ITU

SUBJECT: DELETION OF TERRITORIES AS ITU MEMBERS, SITREP 25

1. ON MONDAY AFTERNOON AND TUESDAY MORNING, COMMITTEE 8 CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE DEBATE ON THE ISSUE OF DELETION OF ALL REFERENCES TO TERRITORIES FROM ITU CONVENTION. THIS DEBATE CONFIRMED CLEAR WILL OF MAJORITY MADE UP OF AFRICAN BLOC, COMMUNIST BLOC AND MOST LA'S TO TERMINATE BY DELETION THE PARTICIPATION BY TERRITORIES AS MEMBERS OF THE UNION. AFTER LONG INTERVENTION BY U.S. EXPLAINING HISTORY, ROLE AND VALUE OF TERRITORY PARTICIPATION (SUPPORTED BY UK AND FRANCE), COMMITTEE 8 BY SECRET BALLOT DECIDED TO DELETE ARTICLES 46 AND 49 BY VOTE OF 50 IN FAVOR, 42 (U.S.) AGAINST AND 9 ABSTENTIONS. BY UNORTHODOX CONSENSUS PROCEDURE WITH U.S., U.K. AND FRANCE RESERVING ON THE RECORD, THE COMMITTEE PROCEEDED TO DELETE ALL FIVE TERRITORY GROUPS FROM ANNEX TO TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION. ALSO DELETED RHODESIA. U.S. POINTED OUT DELETION OF EXISTING MEMBERS FROM ANNEX

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WAS ILLEGAL AND UNFOUNDED AND STRENOUSLY OBJECTED TO

DELETION OF US TERRITORIES. THESE ARGUMENTS OF  
ILLEGALITY WERE NOT ANSWERED.

2. DELEGATION WILL MAKE ONE MORE ATTEMPT ON THIS  
ISSUE THURSDAY AFTERNOON IN PLENARY. PROSPECTS FOR  
SUCCESS ARE SLIM, BUT WE BELIEVE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE.  
UK AND FRANCE APPEAR TO HAVE LOST SOME STEAM.  
NONETHELESS, FRENCH DELEGATION DECLARED IN COMMITTEE 8  
ON TUESDAY THAT THE DELEGATION CANNOT PREDICT  
ITS GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THIS ISSUE AND COULD NOT  
PREDICT THE SEVERITY OF THE ULTIMATE RESPONSE. IT  
EXPRESSLY RESERVED ON QUESTION OF LEGALITY AND RESERVED  
ALL RIGHTS TO REVISIT THIS ISSUE IN PLENARY. UK HAS  
CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED A FIRM STODGINESS ON THE ISSUE.

3. TEXT OUTLINE OF PROPOSED US STATEMENT SENT  
SEPTEL. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED REACT TO USDEL PRIOR TO  
1500 HOURS TORREMOLINOS TIME, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18.

4. COMMENT: LATEST WAVE OF NEGATIVE SENTIMENT  
IS ATTRIBUTED TO SECGEN'S ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE AFRICAN  
GROUP MEETING.  
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